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A.—(*a*) An Inspector and an Assistant Biologist are deputed to work on the trawler.

(*b*) No. The Inspector of Fisheries attached to the trawler was paid the allowance irrespective of the actual period he worked on board the trawler.

(*c*) The Assistant Biologist works on board the trawler when she is out of port. In the intervals, between her cruises, he is engaged in collating the information collected by the trawler and in controlling and supervising the work at the two research stations, viz., Calicut and Krusadai.

(*d*) Yes. The trawler is out of order. The Assistant Biologist is now working in the Calicut Biological station. After the trawler was disabled he was able to attend to the reports on the trawler's work which were in arrears. He has completed the second report on the trawler's survey for 1928–29 and is now working on the third report for 1929–30. Besides this, he has been attending to the equipment of the two Biological stations at West Hill and Krusadai island with apparatus and fittings sanctioned by Government and organizing the research work of the stations, especially the research on sardine at West Hill and on pearl and chank and on commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Mannar, such as, the recently discovered Pamban sardine fishery, at the Krusadai Biological station.

(*e*) Yes.

Work done by the Assistant Biologist of the Fisheries Department.

* 312 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the nature of the work of the Assistant Biologist of the Fisheries Department;

(*b*) whether he is still working on board the 'Lady Goschen'; and

(*c*) whether he is still drawing the special allowance sanctioned for work on the trawler?

A.—(*a*) Work on board the trawler when she is out of port.

Work at the Calicut and Krusadai research stations in the intervals between cruises.

The former will consist of collection of specimens while the latter will consist of charting out results obtained during cruises, recording observations, identifying specimen and control and supervision of the work of the shore stations.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Qualifications of the officer in charge of the Tanur Research station.

* 313 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a qualified Chemistry Graduate has been appointed to Tanur Research station;

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(b) who is the officer now in charge of the station and whether he is qualified to do research work; and

(c) whether any apprentices are now undergoing training in research work in Tanur station?

A.—(a) Not yet.

(b) The officer now in charge of the station has 16 years' experience in the department and is competent to carry out experiments ordered by the Director.

(c) No.

Use made of the motor engine in Tanur Research station.

* 314 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether a motor engine was purchased in recent years for the use of the Tanur Research station;

(b) whether it is being used there now; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, whether it is being used for any other purpose?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The engine is now used for collecting Hilsa at Bezwada and at other times at the Ennore station.

Admission of pupil teachers into the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut.

* 315 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) what is the number of pupil teachers admitted or proposed to be admitted into the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, during 1931–32;

(b) what is the number of teachers who have completed their training in the Institute during 1929–30 and 1930–31;

(c) the number of such trained teachers that have been absorbed by the Fisheries schools;

(d) whether the Government consider that there will be sufficient number of vacancies in the Fisheries schools in future to absorb the candidates who have been trained and will be trained; and

(e) whether the Government have considered the advisability of maintaining the Institute even if there are no vacancies in the Fisheries schools?

A.—(a) Five.

(b) Seven in 1929–30 and 12 in 1930–31.

(c) All the seven of 1929–30 and 11 out of 12 of 1930–31.

(d) Candidates so far trained have all been absorbed. As regards the candidates that will be trained in future, it may not be possible to provide them with posts if the financial stringency continues.

(e) No.